

**HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Selectmen's Meeting Room

Attendance

Eileen Latimer, Chairman

Brian Lapham, Vice Chairman

Phil Bean, Selectman Representative

Jerry Znoj, School Board Representative SAU 90

Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative

Nicholas Bridle

Scott Blair

Michael Pierce – Left at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Sunny Kravitz

James O'Loughlin

Stephen LaBranche

Timothy "Citizen" Jones

Michael Plouffe

Sandra Nickerson

Absent (Excused)

Vacant Seat

- 1) Call to Order at 7 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Introduction of members
- 4) Final Discussion & Recommendation of SAU 90 2016-2017 Budget

Chairman Latimer welcomed Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent SAU 90 and Nathan Lunney, Director of Finance SAU 90.

Article – 2 Operating Budget Hampton School District, SAU 90

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. LaBranche, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$20,184,320 as the 2016-2017 Operating Budget for the Hampton School District, SAU 90

Vote: 14 Yes, 0 No. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Final Discussion & Recommendation of SAU 90 Money Warrant Articles

Article 1 – Reconstructing and Equipping the Hampton Academy

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to forward to the Public Hearing the proposed Warrant Article 1 in the total amount of \$24,945,000 for reconstructing and equipping the Hampton Academy

Mr. Kravitz said he would prefer a new school. Chairman Latimer stated that the community would prefer the reconstruction of the Hampton Academy.

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Kravitz). Motion passed.

Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton School Board and the Seacoast Education Association covering the four year period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2016-17	\$239,020
2017-18	\$254,533
2018-19	\$252,502
2019-20	\$250,748

And further raise and appropriate the sum of \$239,020 for the 2016-17 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

Chairman Latimer said a majority vote is required.

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Kravitz, to forward to the Public Hearing the Collective Bargaining Agreement **SECONDED** by Mr. Kravitz

Vote: 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 4 – Maintenance, Repair and Modernization work for Hampton's 2 School Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. LaBranche, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$300,000 Article 4, Marston School and Centre School's Maintenance to Buildings and Grounds

Vote: 12 Yes, 1 No (Lapham), 1 Abstention (Kravitz). Motion Passed.

Mr. Lunney stated important dates to remind the public are as follows:

Public Hearing on the Bond is January 13, 2016 at 7:00 in the Academy Eastman Gym

Public Hearing on the Budget is January 14, 2016 at 7:00 in the Academy Cafeteria

School District Deliberative Session is February 2, 2016 at 7:00 in the Academy Cafeteria

Voting Day is March 8, 2016 in the Winnacunnet HS Dining Hall

Chairman Latimer welcomed Teresa Morin Bailey, Principal, Sacred Heart

Article 6 – Sacred Heart - \$45,600

Principal Bailey stated there are currently 48 students attending Sacred Heart and asking for \$950.00 per student, totaling \$45,600. The breakdown is nurse \$14,000; educational technology \$20,100; supplies \$4,500; instructional materials and textbooks \$7,000.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote recommending to the Public Hearing, Article 6, Sacred Heart, \$45,600.

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Kravitz). Passed

- 6) Discussion, Review, and Recommendation of Municipal Money Warrant Articles
10 Sewer Bond, 12 Collective Bargaining Fire, 13 Collective Bargaining Fire, 14 Collective Bargaining Police, 15 Collective Bargaining Police, 24 Utility Revaluation, 25 Human Service Agencies, Compensated Leave Trust Fund, 27 Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund, 31 Town War Memorial

Chairman Latimer stated that only one CBA has been ratified, therefore, will put off the vote on CBA's until Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Chairman Latimer introduced Ed Tinker, Chief Assessor.

Article 24 – Utility Revaluation

Mr. Tinker said Article 23 is the continuation of the 2016 revaluation for \$225,000. The utilities have not been appraised since I have been here, and I have been here for seven years.

Mr. Pierce left the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. LaBranche to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$225,000 for Article 23 as written and reviewed

Vote: 11 Yes, 2 No (Znoj, Nickerson), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

A break was taken at 9:10 p.m.

Article 25 – Human Service Agencies

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Blair, to move to the Public Hearing the amount of \$174,475 for Human Services

Chairman Latimer asked how many people were placed in the Crossroads House this year.

Town Manager Welch said they were still counting, but so far the figure was 30.

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer called for the Article 26 Compensated Leave Trust Fund. Town Manager Welch said the article will be withdrawn as the money is currently in the budget.

Article 27 – Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bridle to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$90,000 for the Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund, as written

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 31 – Town War Memorial

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. LaBranche to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$5,000 for the Town War Memorial, as written

Mr. Znoj said we all like the idea, but not the location.

Vote: 7 Yes, 6 No (Lapham, Latimer, LaBranche, Jones, Plouffe, Znoj). Motion passed.

Article 34 – CATV Franchise Fees Distribution

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Bridle to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of 40% of funds is placed into Hampton Cable TV Revolving Fund, as written

Mr. Jones said he objects to this article, as he wants 100% of the funds placed into the Cable TV Revolving Fund.

Chairman Latimer asked if Selectman Bean would bring this before the Board of Selectmen Monday night to consider placing 100% into the fund.

Mr. Znoj said that the right thing to do is take only what you need, and you do not need 100%.

Mr. Blair said it was a long process to get this through Comcast.

Chairman Latimer said we are going to vote on this tonight.

Vote: 10 Yes, 2 No (Lapham, Nickerson), 1 Abstention (Jones). Motion passed.

7) MIS Presentation & Review – Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director

Ms. Pulliam said the big change here is \$24,000 for 365 live. The 2015 budget was \$81,800. There is a total increase is \$36,000, with \$24,000 being related to the 365 live.

Mr. Bridle asked how important it is to have 365 in place and explain what it is.

Ms. Pulliam said it is the cloud, a cloud based system; will not need a mail server anymore as it will be maintained in the cloud.

Chairman Latimer suggests preparing a warrant article to utilize the trust fund to help defray the cost from the budget.

8) Adjournment

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Lapham to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Eileen Latimer, Chair
T. Y. Secretary